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## Abstract

An existence theorem for a generalized complementarity problem over arbitrary closed convex cone in a Hilbert space is proved.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of  $H$  and  $F$  be a point-to-set mapping from  $K$  into  $H$ . The graph  $G(F)$  of  $F$  is the subset of  $H \times H$  consisting of all  $(x, y)$  with  $x \in K$  and  $y \in F(x)$ . Following Berge's definition [2], we say that  $F$  is *upper semicontinuous* at  $x \in K$  if for each open set  $O$  containing  $F(x)$  there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $F(u) \subset O$  for each  $u \in U$ . We say that  $F$  is upper semicontinuous in  $K$  if it is upper semicontinuous at each point of  $K$  and if, also,  $F(x)$  is a compact set for each  $x$ . For any Hilbert space  $H$ ,  $CC(H)$  denotes the family of all nonempty compact and convex subsets of  $H$ . Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone in  $H$  with the vertex at 0 and  $K^*$  be the dual cone of  $K$ , that is,

$$K^* = \{u \in H \mid (u, x) \geq 0, \forall x \in K\}.$$



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Let  $F$  be a point-to-set mapping from  $K$  into  $H$ . We consider the following version of the *generalized complementarity problem (GCP)* as formulated by Karamardian [6]: find  $x \in K$  and  $y \in F(x)$  so that

$$y \in K^*, \quad \langle x, y \rangle = 0. \quad (1)$$

Although *GCP* has been extensively studied in the literature (see, e.g., [1, 3, 5, 6]), the generalized version (1) of *GCP* in infinite dimensional spaces seems to have attracted little attention. The purpose of this paper are to establish an existence result for the generalized problem (1) under an appropriate version of a condition of Karamardian [6] and to draw some attention for further investigation on it.

## 2. The Main Result

Before giving our main result, we first have

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty compact and convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $F$  be an upper semicontinuous point-to-set mapping from  $K$  into  $CC(H)$ . Then there exist  $x \in K$  and  $y \in F(x)$  such that*

$$\langle u - x, y \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in K.$$

**Proof.** Let  $C$  be the convex closure of  $F(K) = \bigcup_{x \in K} F(x)$ . Since  $F(K)$  is compact by [2, Theorem 3, p.110],  $C$  is also compact and thus  $K \times C$  is compact and convex. Let  $T$  be a point-to-set mapping from  $K \times C$  into itself defined by  $T(x, y) = (V(x, y), F(x))$  where

$$V(x, y) = \{u \in K \mid \langle u - x, y \rangle = \min_{s \in K} \langle s - x, y \rangle\}.$$

For each  $(x, y) \in K \times C$ , the set  $T(x, y)$  is nonempty, closed and convex. Furthermore, since the graph  $G(T)$  of  $T$  is closed in  $H \times H$ , the mapping  $T$  is upper semicontinuous in  $K \times C$  by [2, Corollary, p.112]. Therefore by Ky Fan's generalization of Kakutani's fixed point theorem [4, Theorem 1], there exists  $(x, y) \in K \times C$  which is a fixed point of  $T$ . Consequently,  $x \in K$ ,  $y \in F(x)$  and  $\langle u - x, y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $u \in K$ .

Now we prove that there exists a solution to the generalized problem (1) under an appropriate modification of a condition of Karamardian [6].

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with vertex at 0 in a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $F$  be an upper semicontinuous point-to-set mapping from  $K$  into  $CC(H)$ . Suppose that there exists a nonempty compact subset  $D$  in  $K$  with the property that for every  $x \in K \setminus D$ , there exists  $z \in D$  such that*

$$\langle x - z, y \rangle > 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in F(x). \quad (2)$$

*Then there exist  $\bar{x} \in K$  and  $\bar{y} \in F(\bar{x})$  such that*

$$\bar{y} \in K^*, \quad \langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0. \quad (3)$$

**Proof.** Let  $E = D \times F(D)$ . Then  $E$  is compact since  $F(D)$  is compact. For every  $u \in K$ , let  $D(u)$  be the subset of  $E$  defined by

$$D(u) = \{(x, y) \in D \times F(x) \mid \langle u - x, y \rangle \geq 0\}.$$

Then  $D(u)$  is nonempty and closed for every  $u \in K$ . Indeed, if  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$  is a sequence in  $D(u)$  converging to  $(x, y)$ , then since the graph  $G(F)$  of  $F$  is closed [2, Theorem 6, p.112], it follows that  $y \in F(x)$  and  $(x, y) \in D(u)$ . For an arbitrary finite subset  $\{u_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  in  $K$ ,

let  $\bar{D}$  be the convex closure of  $D \cup \{u_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Then  $\bar{D}$  is compact and convex. Thus by Lemma 2.1, there exist  $x \in \bar{D}$  and  $y \in F(x)$  so that

$$\langle u - x, y \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in \bar{D}. \quad (4)$$

If  $x \notin D$ , then from (2) there exists  $z \in D$  such that  $\langle x - z, y \rangle > 0$  which contradicts (4). Hence  $x \in D$  and  $(x, y) \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n D(u_i)$ . Consequently, the family  $\{D(u) \mid u \in K\}$  has the finite intersection property. Since  $E$  is compact, there exists  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \bigcap_{u \in K} D(u)$ . This implies that  $\bar{y} \in F(\bar{x})$  and

$$\langle u - \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in K. \quad (5)$$

Since  $K$  is a convex cone, it follows from (5) that  $\bar{y} \in K^*$ . By letting  $u = 0$  in (5), we have

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle \leq 0. \quad (6)$$

Also by letting  $u = 2x$  in (5), we get

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle \geq 0. \quad (7)$$

From (6) and (7), it follows that  $\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0$ . Hence the result follows.

In finite-dimensional spaces, a result similar to Theorem 2.1 has been obtained by Saigal [8, Theorem 2.1].

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